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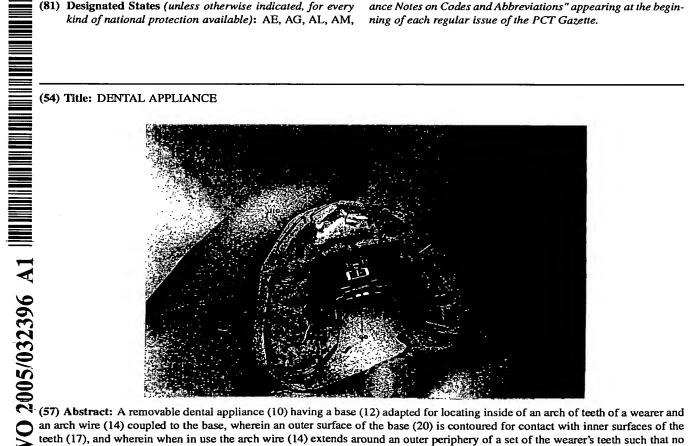
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an arch wire (14) coupled to the base, wherein an outer surface of the base (20) is contoured for contact with inner surfaces of the teeth (17), and wherein when in use the arch wire (14) extends around an outer periphery of a set of the wearer's teeth such that no interconnection between the arch wire and the base exists intermediate the set of teeth.